

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
December 8, 2006
Fish and Game Headquarters
Boise, Idaho**

Present in the Director's Office: Director Steven Huffaker, Steve Barton, Assistant to the Director; Dallas Burkhalter, Deputy Attorney General; Jim Lau, Chief of Administration; Sharon Kiefer, Anadromous Fish Manager and Mary Boyer, Executive Assistant.

A special meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cameron Wheeler at 8:00 a.m. with Commissioners Alex Irby, Wayne Wright, Gary Power, Bob Barowsky, Randy Budge and Tony Mc Dermott participating.

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Director Huffaker stated that the purpose of the meeting is to ask the Commission to approve a resolution that would allow the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation (IFWF) to go ahead and proceed with the purchase of the Redbird Canyon property. All Commissioners were sent a copy of the resolution (Appendix 39 Exhibit 120). Director Huffaker reported that the asking price for the property was \$1.5 million and that was the offer presented. The offer was accepted and the resolution is needed to formalize the Commission's support for IFWF to proceed.

Director Huffaker stated that the Department has the August 2006 letter of intent from FNAWS stating their commitment of \$170,000 to help purchase the Redbird Canyon. At this time the letter has not been rescinded. The Director noted if FNAWS would rescind their offer, the Department and IFWF can still proceed with the purchase.

The Director also pointed out several sportsmen groups have expressed an interest in providing donations to go towards the purchase of the Redbird Canyon property. The Foundation will accept donations for this purpose. If any group wishes to participate financially in this purchase, the resolution today does not preclude their ability to do so.

Commissioner Power extended his thanks to Chairman Wheeler for the work he has done with the Director's office and to the Director's office for getting the needed information to the Commissioners in preparation for the conference call.

06-84 Commissioner Power moved and Commissioner Irby seconded a motion **TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FROM THE COMMISSION TO ALLOW THE IDAHO FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION TO PURCHASE THE REDBIRD CANYON PROPERTY.** The motion carried unanimously

Commissioner Wright would like the record to reflect that the Commission encourages the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation to solicit funds from sportsmen groups wherever possible assist in the purchase of Redbird Canyon property.

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Adjournment 8:15 a.m.

Cameron Wheeler
Chairman

Cal Groen
Secretary